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Right to read
Literacy, integral to future success.
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Tackling open-water fishing prep
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"Epic" service by HHHS
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Through a house window, area photographer captued this deer staring at her from her front yard in Algonquin Highlands. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

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The right to read

JANEY TRULL
Special to *County Life*

I wonder how many of you had a cabinet of encyclopedias in your home, with factual information from A to Z. Each book weighed about 10 pounds and contained vital facts needed to research polar explorers, or write a geography essay, or prepare a speech on Niagara Falls. They ended up in dumpsters as students turned to the World Wide Web for updated information.

Literacy has changed irrevocably with access to technology, but reading is still a critical skill for understanding the world, achieving academically, and attaining successful careers. People who read frequently also enjoy improved well-being, including better cognitive and mental health.

Earlier this month, the Ontario Human Rights Commission released a damning report after investigating claims that children in Ontario with reading challenges were being denied the "right to read." As a retired teacher, a mother of two Ontario teachers and a grandmother of Ontario students, I am not naive about the challenges facing public education. But nowhere, not in any school, or board office, or classroom, have I met an educator who denies that learning to read and write is a basic human right for all children.

Reading instruction in our schools is individualized with ongoing assessments starting in junior kindergarten. Classroom libraries have engaging leveled texts that help students practice strategies to find meaning out of print. Instruction is responsive to student diversity and accommodations are provided accordingly.

Peppa watches as Madame Gazelle shows everyone how to jump like a ballerina. "Leap with grace and beauty," Madame Gazelle tells the dancers.

"Reading is still a critical skill for understanding the world, achieving academically, and attaining successful careers. People who read frequently also enjoy improved well-being, including better cognitive and mental health." /Photo submitted by Janet Trull

Minister of Education Stephen Lecce appears to accept the inquiry's invalidated claims that Ontario schools are "not using evidence-based approaches to teach students to read." He is ready to trash the Language and Kindergarten documents, at great expense and upheaval, and replace them with low level programming. If the Minister were to read the Language and Kindergarten documents, he would find that all the components of the proposed "Structured Literacy" program recommended in the report are already part of Ontario's comprehensive language curriculum.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has written a thoughtful and respectful response to this report on their website, supporting current and ongoing efforts to provide the best literacy instruction possible to all students. I urge them, along with concerned community members, to raise the alarm before the Ontario Ministry of Education bows to political pressure from a fringe group of detractors and demolishes a highly effective curriculum. That costly plan will not close the gap in achievement for students with reading challenges, unless the intention is to significantly lower reading achievement for all.

Let's invest instead in professional development to support teachers as they continue the complex and important work of teaching reading. Offer incentives for additional qualifications like Reading Specialist courses and Reading Recovery training. Also, recognize that overcrowded kindergarten classrooms are having a negative impact on early literacy opportunities. If we have money to spend, let's not waste it.

Two years of interrupted instruction due to COVID-19 have put a great stress on our school systems. Now is not the time to let an erroneous report distract us from wise investments in education.

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Tastes of Haliburton

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Yours Outdoors

The Haliburton Highlands are known for the lakes, the trees, and the memories. There is no shortage of outdoor activities, but what about indoor activities?

As the seasons change, we can't help but get excited about the buzz of summer and all the myriad of savoury selections that will come with it. Beers on the patio, ice cream sandwiches, and mouthwatering barbecues.

The past two years have highlighted the strength and resiliency of so many restaurant partners in our area. There have been restaurant owners who have given everything they've got to remain standing. They have adapted and overcome, and some have even changed entire directions and styles in a time of revision and rebirth.

The culinary industry of the Haliburton Highlands is eclectic, engaging, and entertaining. There is something for everyone, whether you like plant-based meals, desserts, homemade Italian, classic Mexican, fresh sushi, barbecued delights, or locally brewed beers.

If you've got a craving for anything, Yours Outdoors can help you with their Tastes of Haliburton tour. This full day or half day road trip can be entirely catered around you and your particular interests. The great part about this tour is the option to stop at a wide variety of restaurants and food providers around Haliburton County. Did you know that Haliburton County is nearly the same size as Prince Edward Island? If you wanted to, while on Tastes of Haliburton, you could stop at every municipality in the region, giving you a true (and delicious) taste of what our neck of the woods has to offer.

If you are more interested in the fresh brews of the region, Yours Outdoors offers their Sip, Swill, and Savour tour. This half-day brewery tour will bring you to the Haliburton Highlands Brewery, a stop at Abbey Gardens for fresh, local coffee, then off to Boshkung Brewing Co. for more beer tasting, before wrapping up at Wintergreen Maple Products for a sweet treat. Both the Sip, Swill, and Savour as well as the Tastes of Haliburton includes a designated driver and knowledgeable guide, to get you from A to B and provide you with a series of stories and anecdotes you can take with you from the Haliburton Highlands.

If you'd rather not take a road trip, there is also the option for Munch Music. This unique experience is fully a "choose your own adventure" offering. You choose the style of music, the food of choice, your preferred beverage, and voilà, we have a show! Yours Outdoors will fully develop an experience around you and your preferences. This type of offering is awesome for parties, family gatherings, cottage reunions, or a weekend away with friends. Local food? Check. Local music? Check. Local brews? Check. You not having to coordinate or cook anything, and fully enjoy the show? Check.

Visitors from all over Ontario have tried out the Sip, Swill, and Savour experience through Yours Outdoors. This brewery tour can be customized to your interests and availability, and the itinerary can be completely built around you. /Photo submitted by Emily Stonehouse

All of these experiences are entirely customizable, so check out www.yoursoutdoors.ca to see what you would like to do!

The local culinary scene is constantly developing, evolving, and growing. After the past few years, it is more important than ever to support local, and highlight the fantastic foodie assets we have here in our community. Haliburton County may be known for the lakes, the trees, and the memories, but let's shift gears and feature our neck of the woods with great food, and a few cold drinks along the way. There's something for everyone.

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Getting ready for open water season

STEVE GALEA
Outdoors

Columnist Steve Galea prepares to sharpen a hook on a lure, as part of the preparations for the upcoming open water fishing. /Submitted by Steve Galea

I was ice fishing on Drag Lake last week and drilling through somewhere around 20 inches of ice. Be that as it may, the end of ice fishing season is clearly in sight.

Mild spells, longer daylight hours, scouring winds and the rains that are sure to come herald the inevitable arrival of the open water season. And, for all but the most die-hard of ice anglers, this is a welcome change.

With that in mind, I would suggest that now is a good time to prepare your rods, reels, tackle and electronics for those glorious first days of fishing on the open water. Here are a few of the basics you should attend to:

Lines

Inspect the fishing line on each reel you own, for unless you use braided line, they are almost guaranteed to have line memory, which is another way of saying the line will remain coiled after it leaves the spool. This is a result of spending all that time stored in small coils. The good news is line memory can be lessened or even removed by the judicious use of heat or, in the case of fly line, stretching. For fly lines, stretch an arm's lengths of line at a time between your hands until you have done this to the entire line. For monofilament and fluorocarbon lines, immersing spools in hot water that is not quite boiling for about 15 minutes does a good job of getting coils straighter. Or alternately, you could hold the line firmly between two pieces of leather and then pull it through, so that the friction creates heat and straightens the line. (I prefer doing this for leaders but not longer lengths of line.)

You should also check your lines for nicks or abrasion and, if necessary, replace it. There's nothing worse than losing a good fish because of a compromised line.

Check your hooks

The hooks you use, whether they are for bait or your lures, should also be inspected. If they are damaged by rust or bent unnaturally, replace them. Otherwise, make sure they are sharp and, if not, sharpen them with a hook hone until they are.

Organize your tackle or fly box so it makes sense

No one wants to waste time looking for a specific lure or fly when they could be fishing. The best way to avoid that is to organize your fly or tackle box so that all your different types of lures, flies, or terminal tackle such as swivels and weights, are organized and easy to find. This exercise also allows you to take inventory and note what is missing from your fishing arsenal.

A little gear maintenance

Pre-season is the time to check that your reels are in proper working order. This generally means removing spools to make sure the visible internal parts are free of grit and lubricated according to the manufacturer's instructions. Generally, an online search will find those if you do not have them on hand.

Also check your rods to ensure the reel seating section is in good shape and the handle and guides are secure and undamaged. On multi-piece rods assemble them to ensure good fits and that the connection points are clean. Also check the rod for nicks and other damage.

Also, don't forget to have a good look at your landing net to ensure that it's not going to let you down when you need it the most.

If you use electronics, check to ensure that they still function and the batteries they rely on are in good condition too.

Refresher courses

Lastly, it never hurts to spend a little time practicing the knots you will be using on the water if they are not second nature already. And, should you plan on adding any more to your repertoire, pre-season is the time to learn them too.

While on the subject of refresher courses, have a good look at your fishing electronics and run through the menus so that their operation is not an issue on the water.

Get all these little chores done well before the upcoming freshwater season and there will be no frustration on those first long-awaited days on the water. Unless, of course, they are caused by the fish.

Community Events

Send your event listing to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Environment Haliburton and the Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County are planning a climate strike.
When: Friday, March 25 at noon till 1 p.m.
Where: In front of the train engine in the village of Haliburton.
This is part of the Fridays for Future Global Strike for Climate. This will be a peaceful, respectful demonstration. Please bring a sign. #peoplenotprofit, climate justice, social justice, etc.

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Women of the Word
A non-denominational women's bible study.
When: Wednesday mornings 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. January to May.
Where: Lakeside Church - 9 Park Street Haliburton
What: Three study options available; 1. Genesis chapters three to 11, 2. First, Second and Third John, 3. A topical study by Drew Hunter, "Made for Friendship." In person or online via Zoom. COVID regulations apply. Free childcare dependent upon resources. Cost $35 plus book – financial assistance available. Contact 705-457-2851 to register or for more information: www.mylakeside.ca.

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Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m. Schofield Room
Tuesday night: League darts starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall
Bingo doors open at 6 p.m.
Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $500 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month
Thursdays: General Meeting for this month has been changed to March 31, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start – Schofield Room
Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcll129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!

Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m . Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

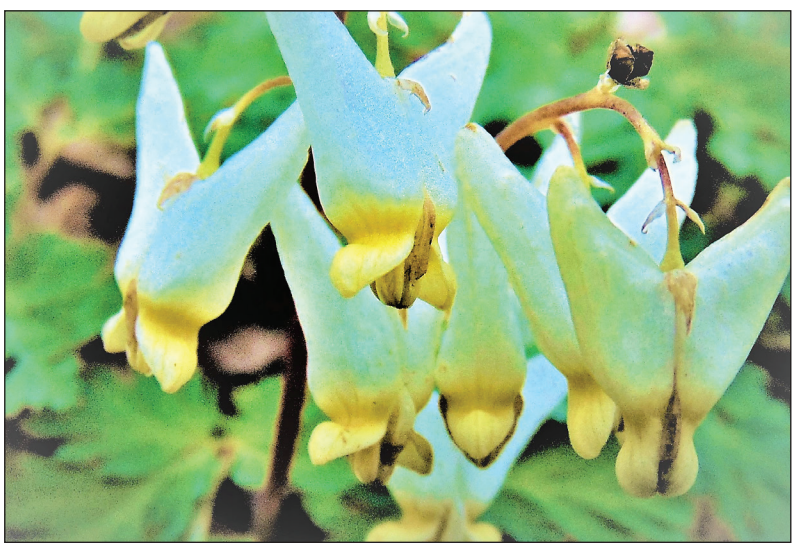
Schedule is subject to change without notice, so contact the Legion for updates.

Nature in your backyard

County Life welcomes photo submissions, depicting life in the Highlands.
Email darren@ haliburtonpress.com. Please, ensure images are high resolution - 200 dpi,
10 inches at its longest edge.

A downy woodpecker was too busy to pay attention to photographer Jill Moulton, who captured the bird in her backyard in Ingoldsby.

Area photographer Fred Pyziak captured a bald eagle in a tree overlooking Drag River on March 3 in Gelert.



Richard Sharpe captured Dutchman's breeches at the juction of Buckslide Road and Kushog Lake Road while looking for wild leeks on May 6, 2020.

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Generosity of this community is 'Epic'!

LISA TOMPKINS
Special to *County Life*

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services's (HHHS) new Clinical Information System (CIS) is a modern, computer-based system (called Epic) that provides real-time access to a patient's health information through a single, unified personal health record. Considered the largest, most transformative project in HHHS' history, it was launched in December 2021 in partnership with six other hospital organizations in Central East Ontario: Campbellford Memorial Hospital, Lakeridge Health, Northumberland Hills Hospital, Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Ross Memorial Hospital, and Scarborough Health Network. This partnership also represents the largest number of individual organizations across Ontario joining together to offer this safer and more seamless care experience. In addition, the launch of Epic includes a new "MyChart" patient portal where one can access their own medical records and personal health information. (Learn more about how to register for MyChart Central East Ontario at mychart.ourepic.ca.)

With a new system comes new equipment requirements, and, thanks to exceptional generosity this past year through donations to HHHS Foundation, funding was provided for eight Workstations on Wheels (WOWs), now in use at both the Haliburton and Minden hospital sites. These ergonomic technology carts are an important tool in patient care workflow; they can house both the digital medical record technology equipment, as well as have the potential for carrying other medical equipment and supplies. The new equipment was so well received by the doctors and nurses at HHHS and is in such ongoing demand that the Foundation has committed to funding additional units in the coming months.

The generosity of the community through personal, business and corporate donations from residents, cottagers and visitors has helped make possible a considerable and varied list of critical equipment over the years. This past year alone funds have been raised for new stretchers for the emergency departments, and for accessible bathtubs, and a new, state-of-the-art nurse call bell system (fundraising now through 2022) for HHHS Long Term Care facilities. Important community programs such as Meals on Wheels and Medically-Required Transportation have also received funding.

In addition to making a direct donation to the Foundation, there are other ways supporters are contributing to fundraising campaigns. HHHS Foundation's new monthly 50/50 online lottery event is a win-win for local health, with 50 per cent of the funds raised going to a monthly winner, and the other 50 per cent supporting hospital and health care priority equipment needs. The ticket sales website hhhsf5050.ca provides real-time information on the estimated take-home prize for the month, as well as indicating the time remaining to purchase tickets.

The Shop to Give e-commerce platform on the Foundation website provides an opportunity to purchase a variety of HHHS branded items, as well as items from both hospital gift shops (supporting future Auxiliary fundraising efforts). There is also access to items through shopclosebuy.ca – a great marketing and shopping platform to promote shopping locally.

And information about upcoming events is promoted on the website (hhhs.ca/foundation), or on social media platforms through Facebook and Instagram. In all ways, the Foundation gratefully acknowledges the generosity of so many who continue to make the support of health care in Haliburton County a priority – it's "epic"!

Top 10 reasons why you can't teach a cat to do a trick

ONE OF THE many things that separates cats from dogs is that cats seem less cooperative in almost every aspect of their behaviour. This is especially noticeable when you try to teach your cat a trick. If you have ever had the pleasure, you have probably experienced the cold, sarcastic look that accompanies it. Here are the top 10 reasons why:

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. They don't want to set a precedent by acting remotely interested in anything.
2. They already know how to sit or lie down, and they don't need you to tell them when.
3. They think, "Why should I retrieve something you just threw away?"
4. They understand that rolling over just gets you back where you started. Duh.
5. They already spend half the day playing dead.
6. They think, "I was done with my cute phase right after I stopped being a kitten. Deal with it."
7. They think, "If I do this for you, where does it end?"
8. They know it's what separates them from the dogs.
9. They think, "Last time I tried to shake a paw you clipped my nails."
10. They think, "The only trick I do is in the litter box when I make things disappear."

Rain

Gun-metal Sky hurling bullets of Rain,
the armour of ice sheathing the River, melting every day,
welts of earth, quivering beneath Snow,
Rain lashes the limbs of trees, huddled along the river bank,
impaling the River's flow.
Fingers of Rain curling into fists,
bashing against the window pane,
as I listen and watch from the warmth of inside.
Rain assailing Snow, draining Sky of light,
the black vein of River bleeding between banks pockmarked with trees,
withered by Winter, battered by wind,
their branches waiting for the unfurling of spring.
I peer out through tears of Rain trickling down the window pane,
wondering whether the River's flow is a muscle that's atrophied,
sealed beneath ice in all that thick stillness, buried beneath Snow,
or whether the River never forgets, its flow, natural as Breath.
Rain drumming on the roof,
sounding like the beats of throngs of racing hearts fleeing what they can't always see,
the quiet spaces between beats, the refuge they seek.
The restlessness of Rain, all morning, all day,
the River, unveiling itself, as Snow slides from its banks,
slipping into the blackness of its flow, a River of Breath and flesh,
flowing across borders beneath an iron Sky,
swelling with lead-bellied clouds.
I close my eyes, listening to Rain pummel outside,
its silence as it falls, seeping into Snow,
deeper between cracks in the frozen earth, into the roots of trees,
that's how deep I try to breathe,
uprooting my Breath from the brambles in my chest,
releasing the stream into light and Air.
How many heartbeats huddled underground,
the space containing them flooded with the sound of a single voice singing,
flutters of hope piercing the silence,
as I sit curled in the cocoon of inside,
peering out at the River shedding its skin of ice,
Rain drumming like millions of heartbeats on the roof and window pane,
as gun-metal Sky hurls bullets over Ukraine.

Sylvie Kalenda

Creative Corner

The paths we take

I flew on Ukrainian Airlines from Toronto and had a layover in Ukraine before my final destination in Tel Aiv, Israel. The layover was in Kiev. It felt strange and familiar, as my mother's family came from a small "shtetl" or town near Kiev. I felt I'd returned to my ancestral home. The family lived together with their "lantzman," other Jews, until they fled the area during the Russian "pogroms," which was before the First World War and emigrated to Toronto.

According to the online resource, the Holocaust Encyclopedia "is the Russian word meaning "to wreak havoc, to demolish violently. Historically, the term refers to violent attacks by local non-Jewish populations on Jews in the Russian Empire and in other countries." Their traditional life, as it was told to me, was right out of the musical and movie, *Fiddler on the Roof*, which as conceived from Jewish storyteller, Sholom Alechem. I bought some souvenirs in the Kiev airport and then travelled onto Tel Aviv where I would be volunteering on an army base for three weeks with other volunteers in the Israel Sarel program fulfilling non-military jobs. I haven't really thought about this experience that happened about ten years ago until now with the war in Ukraine dominating world news.

I've been busy making "mun" cookies, the cookies my "bubbie" made. I was lucky to retrieve her recipe since she never cooked from a recipe. I found it on a Jewish Facebook page that I joined. "Bubbie" is the Yiddish word for grandmother and "mun" is Yiddish for poppyseeds, and other Yiddish words you may know are bagel, schlep, tuchus, shmata, shlep, mishugeneh … the spoken language of European Jews. It' a kind of secret language, rich in idioms and now considered an endangered language. I heard Yiddish growing up in my home. My parents spoke Yiddish to each other when they didn't want my brother and I to understand. Needless to say we listened and learned to understand Yiddish pretty well. My mother performed on stage in Toronto's flourishing Yiddish theatre in the 1920s, but the path to greater fame was not meant to be. What could have been.

"Let me take your daughter to New York, Mrs. Sniderman. I'll make her a star,"said theatre director Smolevitch to my grandmother.

"No nice Jewish girl of mine leaves home! No, Mr. Smolevitch, she's not going!"

My mother often recounted this story to me many times of how she missed her opportunity at stardom.

Mun cookie recipe:

Mix three eggs, one cup of sugar, three-quarters of a cup of olive oil, one-third of a cup of poppy seeds, one teaspoon baking powder, three and one-quarter of a cup of flour; roll on a board; cut into cookie shapes, sprinkle with sugar; bake 350 degrees Celisus on a greased pan for 12 minutes.

Final words:

And a word of advice that I will leave you with: If you say something derogatory about a person, best to disguise it in Yiddish!

By Barbara Rosen

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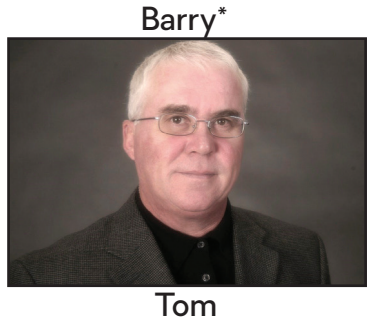
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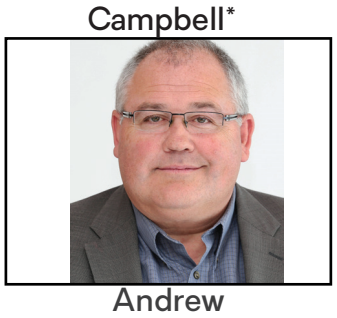
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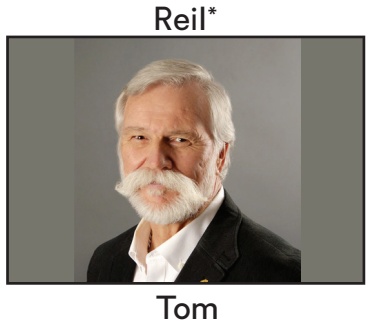
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Local Landmark Mystery

Local Landmark reveal! This week's Local Landmark is found in the village of Eagle Lake, perched on the rock cut just across from the Eagle Lake Country Market. You can park at the public beach just up the road, and check out the rapids just below the Eagle Lake dam, and grab a treat or some take-home food at the Eagle Lake Country Market, or some wood-fired pizza from the Into the Blue food truck - opens May 5. Photo republished with permission from Thom Lambert.

The following are images of a local landmark. Try to guess what the landmark is and look for the reveal in next week's *County Life*. Concept and images from Thom Lambert, who shares informative posts about things to see and do in the Highlands through @ myhaliburtonhighlands on Instagram. /Submitted by Thom Lambert

YWCA provides opportunity with the Hazel Education Bursary

Call for applications opened on International Women's Day

The YWCA Peterborough Haliburton Education Awards Committee is welcoming applications for the 2022 Hazel Education Bursary, with applications due May 8.

This bursary is intended to help women who have experienced gender-based violence reach their goals through education or training.

The YWCA Peterborough Haliburton board of directors, through the Education Awards Committee, and with the generosity of donors in our community, offers bursaries of $1,500 or $2,500 to women who have experienced barriers related to the impact of violence and abuse; who have a dream to strengthen their economic security; are a resident of Peterborough or Haliburton County; seek to further their formal or informal education, or develop skills. Women from rural areas will be given special consideration for this award, as per Hazel's request.

Hazel's Legacy

Since 1998, the YWCA has honoured Hazel's vision of helping women pursue their dreams and overcoming barriers related to their experiences of violence and abuse. Hazel was a consumer, advisor, and volunteer of several community services. Hazel passed away in 1996, after a long struggle with breast cancer. Soon afterwards an education fund was created by friends and admirers to honour this very special woman.

To apply or learn more about YWCA Hazel Education Bursary go to ywcapeterborough.org/education/ or contact Yvonne Porter 705-743-3526 ext. 116, or yporter@ywcapeterborough.org.

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Reporting to the **Deputy CAO/Treasurer**, the successful applicant will provide assistance to the Finance & Administration Department in the development and implementation of financial goals and objectives relative to the processing and payment of accounts payable, accounts receivable and general accounting requirements. Preference will be given to candidates who have:

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- General Administration:
- Assists the Deputy CAO/Treasurer or designate(s) to ensure that all necessary information and documents are available for interim and year end audits relating to accounts payable, accounts receivable and other finance related requirements.
- Responsible for the tracking of the fuel consumption of vehicles for the Climate Change Initiative
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- Completes general receipting and tax collection duties when required
- Assists the Tax Collector with tax billing preparation and tax collection duties when required
- Provides backup for general reception duties on the telephone and at the front counter
- Provides clerical and administrative support including, word and spreadsheet development and maintenance, reporting writing and other similar tasks.
- Assists the Deputy CAO/Treasurer or designate(s) in maintaining an effective and efficient work flow in the Finance Department
- Attends necessary and/or approved educational workshops, seminars or webinars as required.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Applications **clearly marked "Application –Full-Time Accounts Payable Clerk"** may be submitted on or before 12:00 pm, April 11th, 2022 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0
Fax: 705-448-2532 E-Mail: shunter@highlandseast.ca

A copy of the detailed job description is available upon request.

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Situated on the Eastern side of Haliburton County, Highlands East covers 758 square kilometers with over 70 lakes, pristine scenery and is only a 2.5 hour drive from the Greater Toronto Area. Highlands
East is a predominately rural community and is comprised of the amalgamation of the Townships of Bicroft, Cardiff, Glamorgan and Monmouth as of 2001. The hamlets of Cardiff, Highland Grove, Wilberforce, Tory Hill and Gooderham are our settlement areas.

Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer, the Environmental Supervisor will be responsible for strategically planning, directing and supervising the municipal water, sewer, and landfill operations. The Environmental Supervisor will also develop, implement and administer the objectives, policies and standards as established and approved by Council, in accordance with all applicable by-laws and provincial/federal regulations.

The municipality is seeking a graduate of a post-secondary Environmental Studies program or equivalent work related experience. A minimum of two years of management experience in municipal operations is required. The successful candidate will have demonstrated progressively responsible experience with budget preparation, program management, evaluation and decision making. Strong leadership and people management skills are mandatory, including the ability to administer and interpret collective agreements.

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Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer
Municipality of Highlands East
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Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0
E-Mail: shunter@highlandseast.ca

A copy of the detailed job description is available upon request or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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MSRP $60,440 **OUR PRICE $59,440**
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4X4 / V6 / REMOTE START / HTD SEATS / NAV / LEATHER / BACKUP CAM / BLUETOOTH / BEDLINER / DUAL TOP / TOW / TONNEAU COVER / PARK ASSIST!
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4X4 / 2.0L TURBO / DUAL TOP / SIDE STEPS / TOW / BLUETOOTH / CRUISE CONTROL / NAV / BACKUP CAM / REMOTE START / SATELLITE RADIO!
MSRP $58,845 **OUR PRICE $57,845**
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County taxes up only 1.3 per cent

With a municipal election just eight months away, Haliburton County Council has approved a 1988 budget which will come as good news to most tax payers.

The county's management committee met on March 6 to iron out the final details of this year's budget to be presented at last Wednesday's council meeting. And after last year's enormous tax hike, the committee was holding a tight line this year in approving an increase of just 1.27 per cent.

"I don't think this will be bad news for taxpayers," said management committee chairman Murray Fearrey in presenting the new budget Wednesday. He said the committee tried to hold departmental increases to a maximum of 4.6 per cent, which he said represents the current rate of inflation.

The budget for the previous year had

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Budget highlights

While most departments are experiencing little or no change with the passing of Haliburton County's 1988 budget, Management Committee Chairman Murray Fearry highlighted a few of the areas where significant change will occur. Some of these areas are as follows:

Environment

At the inaugural meeting of council, a pledge was made for increased attention to environmental concerns. This is reflected in the new budget for committee meetings, which has been increased to $20,000 for 1988. The previous budget for committee meetings was set at $15,500, although the actual spending for this was almost $19,000 last year.

Advertising

The county's budget for advertising increased dramatically this year, largely due to plans to purchase 2,500 county pins. The advertising budget is set at $5,250, compared to only $675 last year. Actual spending for advertising in 1987 more than doubled the budgetted amount, though.

Building

Repairs and maintenance to the county building totalled more than $31,000 last year, and council is setting aside even more for 1988. This year, council has approved a budget of $49,500 for repairs and maintenance, most of which will take place at the registry office.

Railway

The greatest departmental increase is in the budget for recreation and cultural services. This increase from $30,000 to $74,000 is largely due to the purchase of the

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County to address reduction of seats

The smaller Haliburton County municipalities could be facing amalgamation with their neighbours, should county council decide a restructuring is necessary.

At last Wednesday's meeting, a notice of motion was introduced, telling county council members that this matter will be raised at the May meeting. The motion to be addressed in May, as proposed by Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe, would see the county restructured into five municipalities, replacing the present nine.

Commenting on the notice of motion, Howe urged his fellow council members not to overreact. He said the restructuring would not create a form of regional government, but make a stronger county government.

Howe urged the county council members to bring this issue up for discussion with their municipal councils. He also hopes the municipalities will pass a resolution either supporting or rejecting the move. He said it is important to know what the whole council thinks about this, rather than just the heads of council.

The notice of motion was made Wednesday to provide council members to months to consider the merits and drawbacks and be prepared for serious discussion in May.

The idea to streamline the county stems from one of the recommendations

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There was plenty of action at the Minden Library last week as youngsters turned out to sing and dance with entertainer Alex Sinclair. The entertaining afternoon was put on by the library and the Ministry of Culture and Communications for the students who didn't escape to warmer climes for the March school break.

HHSS band off to Nationals

An outstanding performance in the regional stage band festival in Bracebridge has earned the HHSS Senior Stage Band the opportunity to compete on the national level in Calgary in May.

The regional festival was held on February 26, but the band did not learn of its band has qualified to compete in the gold level at the National Stage Band Festival on May 18 to 22.

Band Director Rick Vaughan received the good news early last week. Although the students were off for March break, a special meeting was held of the band executive to make plans for the trip.

In order to compete in Calgary, the band will have to raise more than $14,000., To do this, they will be approaching local businesses, service clubs and the board of education for contributions.

The National Stage Band Festival is an annual event, held in a new location each year. The top high school bands from across Canada will be competing at various skill levels, ranging from bronze to gold. The HHSS band will compete at the gold level, which places them among the very best in the country.

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KAWAGAMA LAKE $279,000

Stunning south views across the lake. This property has a fantastic shoreline of mixed sand/gravel gradual entry to the water. Hydro is at the lot line and there is good cell service. This is easily accessible from either marina on the lake. Enjoy this affordable lot in the summer while you make your plans for your new cottage. Great fishing year-round and fantastic snowmobiling in the winter.

BIG LAKE VIEWS ON HALIBURTON LAKE $1,499,999

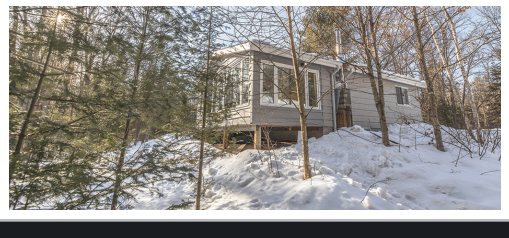
Year-round waterfront home or cottage located on one of the most desirable lakes in Haliburton County. The bungalow features 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, and single floor living. Including primary bedroom with walk-in closet and 3 piece ensuite bathroom. Great for all ages. Enjoy the big lake views through the large picture windows in the living room, or curl up with a book in the 3 season sunroom while surrounded by the relaxing sounds of nature. Situated on a level 1.37 acre lot with a beautiful long sand beach that the whole family will love. If you didn't think this spot could get much better, there is also a double detached garage!

Don't wait – life is better by the lake.

NEW LISTING SUNNY ON SOYERS LAKE $1,199,900

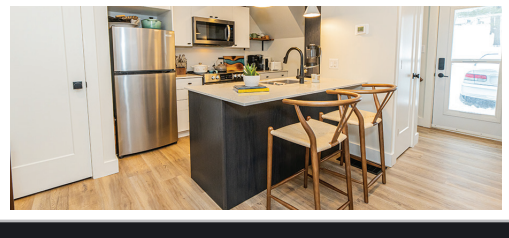
Nestled on the shores of prestigious Soyers Lake with four season home/cottage. Prime level exceedingly private parcel. The "sunny" south facing matured treed lot offers 1.26 acres with 300 ft of frontage on a golden sand rippled beach abutting a creek with an abundance of wildlife. Superb year round municipal road access and ample parking. Cottage offers 4 generous sized bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, main floor laundry, nice kitchen and formal dining area, large 4-season sunroom/family room with wood stove and walkout to deck area. Enjoy outdoor dining or entertaining on the spacious walkout deck with panoramic lake and creek views. If you;re looking to get onto this 5 lake chain, this one is a must to see!

NEW LISTING LOVE THE ACREAGE ON LOOP RD $649,000



How do you spend your time when everything in your home has been upgraded? Exploring a 9+ acre forest, watching wildlife run through your creek while listening to the sound of water flowing through two small waterfalls in complete privacy that's how. Beautifully designed with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms, this home has so many updates from the new roof to a new well. When combined with interior upgrades including a new kitchen and a complete basement renovation along with high-speed internet, your biggest decision will be whether to spend your days enjoying the beauty inside or the outside. Fully winterized, peaceful, and private this home is truly an oasis in the woods.

UPGRADED AND IN TOWN $399,000



This well-appointed home has been professionally designed and renovated. The main floor features an open concept kitchen, living and dining area. Brand new custom designer kitchen with Cambria quartz counters. The 3-season screened-in porch area, overlooking the private back yard, is a great extension of living space and the perfect place to relax and entertain. This turn-key interior has been completely upgraded from the electrical to the windows, interior and exterior doors, and high-end millwork. There are also new appliances new septic, drilled well, metal roof, and more! A fantastic location, within walking distance to downtown Haliburton, there are too many great aspects to list - a wonderful place to call home!

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